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Troop Movements in Thuringia

1. Between 18 and 19 November 1947 three tank battalions moved from Jena/
Zwätzen, and three motorized infantry battalions from Jena/Lobeda, by
road to Ohrdruf (J-15)
2. On 24 November 1947 one hundred and eighty-two tanks were located at
Ohrdruf. Most of them were T-34 tanks, although some were JS1 and JS2
models.
3. On 24 November 1947 and again on 25 November 1947 six tarpaulin-covered
tanks (making 12 in all) left Crawinkel (J-14) for Wismar (T-49) by rail.

Formation of Frontier Police

4. During a meeting of the SED Landesleitung at the Hotel Germania in Weimar
in October 1947, it was stated that the GMA had recently issued a confi-
dential order that 538 frontier Police were to be recruited. These had to
be equipped with the necessary clothing and be ready to leave for their
posts by 15 October 1947.
5. Orders had also been given for uniforms for 15,000 men who were to be called
up for the same service from the whole of Land Thuringia. These uniforms
had also to be ready by mid-October.

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